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ASUNCION FOR LUIS HERNANDEZ

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SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN LEVEL 3: PRE-LICENSE END-USE CHECK

ON APPLICATION 050199822

REF: 2006 BLUE LANTERN GUIDEBOOK

- 11. This is an Action Request. See paragraphs 2-4.
- 12. The Department's Office of Defense Trade Controls Compliance (PM/DTCC) requests Embassy's assistance in conducting a pre-license check on application 050199822 for the export of night vision goggles (NVGs) to Paraguay. Embassy is requested to complete this Blue Lantern check within 30 days. Lack of response to a Blue Lantern check will affect pending and future licenses involving parties to this license.
- 13. Reason for request: sensitive commodity and unfamiliar foreign consignee, Mega Services SRL. The company has not appeared on previous licenses nor have its bona fides been verified by a Blue Lantern check.
- ¶4. ACTION ASUNCION: Embassy is requested to make inquiries with appropriate authorities to determine if the Paraguayan Ministry of Interior Policia Nacional ordered the NVGs from Mega Services SRL and if so, verify the amount and that the items will be used for the purpose stated on the license. PM/DTCC also requests that post conduct a site visit to Mega Services SRL in order to provide Department with an assessment of its business operations and on-site security. Finally, post is asked to assess whether the company appears to be a reliable recipient of USML items. If a site visit is not possible, please inform the PM/DTCC officer.

The following questions are provided as suggested guidance:

- ----What is the exact end-use for these USML items? Will Mega Services SRL retain positive control over the NVGs at all times prior to turning them over to the Policia Nacional?
- --Does the company have secure facilities and proper accounting and security procedures for handling sensitive USML items?
- --When was the company established and who are its principals?
- --What is the nature of its business -- what type of items does it handle, does it serve as a broker?
- --What type of organizations are among its typical customers and where are the customers located?
- --Does the company understand the restrictions on United States Munitions List (USML) items, especially the prohibition against unauthorized re-transfer and re-export? END ACTION

15. Details of license application:

DTC Case: 050199822

OUANTITY/COMMODITY:

6 M963 Gen III FOM not to exceed 1250 with standard accessories, mounts and 5X magnifiers

License Value: USD 30,300.00

SELLER:

Nightline, Inc. 10705 SW 104 St. Miami, FL 33176 POC is Cris Bartolomeo, Tel. 423-727-5900

FOREIGN CONSIGNEE:

Mega Services SRL
Pasaje Molas No. 461 C/Cerro Cora 1o Level
Office #9 and 10
Asuncion
Paraguay
POC is Mario Moreco Benitez, Tel. 595-21-213-467

FOREIGN END-USER:

Ministerio Del Interior - Policia Nacional El Paraguayo Independiente E/Chile Y Ntra Senora De La Asuncion Asuncion Paraguay POC is Rafael Filizzola Serra, No Tel. provided

PURPOSE:

NVGs are intended for the police special forces to use in surveillance and hostage rescue operations.

- 16. Submitted in support of the license application were the following documents (PM/DTCC can fax documentation to post upon request):
- --DSP-83 Nontransfer and Use Certificate submitted by the Ministerio Del Interior Policia Nacional, signed by Rafael Filizzola Serra on 26 October 2009, and by Comandante Policia Nacional, Jose Visitegion Gimenez Dure on 26 October 2009, and by Representante Legal, Mega Services SRL, Mario Moreco Benitez on 26 October 2009.
- --End-user Statement submitted by Comandante Policia Nacional, Jose Visitegion Gimenez Dure, signed on 26 October 12009.
- --Purchase Order No. 32009 submitted by Mega Services SRL, signed by Representante Legal, Mario Moreco Benitez on 27 October 2009.
- 17. Please slug reply for PM/DTCC BLUE LANTERN COORDINATOR and include the words "Blue Lantern" and the case number in the subject line. POC is Tim Mazzarelli, Phone: 202-663-3867; Email: MazzarelliTP@state.gov; SIPRNET: MazzarelliTP@state.sgov.gov. The Blue Lantern Guidebook (ref) is available as a PDF file in the Bunche Library's E-Book Collection on the DOS Intranet: http://buncheelectroniclibrary.state.gov/eboo ks/BlueLanternGuidebook2006%20 final .pdf
- $\underline{\ }$ 8. Department is grateful for post's assistance in this matter. CLINTON